

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 486

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Reserve Officer Dan Whitley on being named the 2008 Reserve Officer of the Year by the Maryville Police Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Reserve Officer Dan Whitley, who was recently named the 2008 Reserve Officer of the Year by the Maryville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, according to the official citation conferring this honor, Officer Whitley has consistently demonstrated nothing less than the utmost professionalism as well as a peerless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, the citation also provides an example of the sort of dedication to duty for which Officer Whitley has come to be known; while off-duty one day, Officer Whitley found a fellow officer working a traffic accident on William Blount Drive, where a vehicle and trailer had crashed, blocking traffic and creating the potential for even more accidents; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the safety of his fellow officer, as well as the safety of countless motorists, Officer Whitley volunteered his time that day, directing traffic around the accident scene; and

WHEREAS, the citation goes on to mention two specific instances in which Officer Whitley went above and beyond the call of duty to help train new officers; he created a city mapping system to assist trainees in learning the layout of Maryville, and Officer Whitley was instrumental in obtaining the funds necessary to pay for emergency tools used by field training officers in their daily work; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Officer Whitley has helped the Reserve Officers Program maintain staffing levels when extra officers were required, displaying a positive attitude even in the midst of the most demanding conditions; he is truly a credit not only to the Reserve Program but also to the Marysville Police Department as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dan Whitley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to the people of the City of Marysville and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Reserve Officer Dan Whitley on being named the 2008 Reserve Officer of the Year by the Maryville Police Department, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.